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Dear Sir

I recd your letter of yesterday from NY. I addressed one to you at that place the day before which had not reached you when you wrote. I am glad that Mr McC offers to unite with you, and I concur in your opinion that it is better to cooperate than compete as stated also by him. Still of his plan does no more than yours will do and his is not so available on the score of economy and expedition I do not think that *you* should surrender *your* position If any compromise is made it should be subject to the outstanding interests so as to allow you the larger portion and at the same time give your invention the preference in application or use. In other words Mr McCulloch should agree to withdraw his offer to the *Dept* — if he has made one which I doubt, so as to let yours subsist without competition and then the contract will be made with you and you & Mr McCulloch & Campbell can arrange about the division As for the memorial of Mr McC before Congress that may or may not be in fact withdrawn as you think proper because nothing will probably be done at this session and your agreement with him will stipulate that it is to be abandoned as well as all *future* competition on this score

As the case *now* stands — there will be no necessity for haste in presenting your application the state of things being changed. Whatever is done will however have to be done in the manner suggested by application from the Director unless he is averse to originating any suggestion himself. I have modified & improved the first application so as to be ready to present it to the Secy when you advise me that the Director prefers that course

Yours truly

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